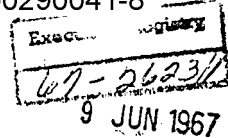


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Federal Records Center, Suitland, Maryland

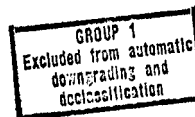
REFERENCE : Memo, dated 22 May 1967, to DD/S from D/Sec.,
Subject: Federal Records Center, Suitland,
Maryland

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. The referenced memorandum contained a recommendation to erect a masonry wall within the vault at the Federal Records Center in order to provide physical protection of our space from DIA space within this vault. The DIA records will be serviced by GSA personnel cleared through SECRET. This recommendation also contained requirements to modify the existing alarm system. In discussions with the Office of Logistics Engineers, it has been determined that the erection of this masonry wall would in all probability result in the net loss of 16 per cent of available space. This estimate is based on the most suitable place to erect the wall and is not a final determination because it would be necessary for GSA Region No. 3 to make a complete survey of the area which in turn would be a delay of approximately two to three months. There has also been discussions concerning the effect of the masonry wall on the present air-conditioning system. Our best information on this matter is that the masonry wall would not affect the air conditioning or humidity controls.

3. We have discussed this matter at some length with the Chief, Records Administration Staff, and based on a firm commitment that the material stored would be limited to SECRET material which has already been disseminated within the intelligence community, it is felt that a personnel barrier consisting of expanded metal would be adequate for our requirements. No alterations to the existing alarm system would be required. Specific details on these requirements have been previously furnished to the Office of Logistics.


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4. The erection of an expanded metal personnel barrier, while it does not represent the same degree of security as a masonry wall and separate alarm system, will provide satisfactory protection considering the classification and non-sensitivity of the material to be stored in this area. It is therefore recommended that the erection of a personnel barrier be approved, and the Office of Logistics be authorized to make the necessary arrangements with GSA.

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Howard J. Osborn
Director of Security

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved.


R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Suitland Records Center

Mr. Herbert Angel called (his first contact since his trip to Europe):

He was extremely provoked.

He had heard rumors about a masonry wall to be constructed in the Vault at Suitland.

He was both vehement and explicit that he would not approve any such wall. He was equally certain the Archivist and the Administrator of GSA would not approve. He said the vault was not CIA property, it belonged to GSA and was to be used by CIA. He felt we might as well call off the arrangements if we could not agree on procedures.

I explained that the wall was an inquiry made by the Deputy Director and estimates were asked for. We had explained that such a wall was not agreed to nor did we feel it was necessary. I felt sure the Deputy Director would not decide to request a wall, and that we would eventually conclude on the expanded metal or chain fence type Personnel Barrier as originally agreed to with National Archives.

Mr. Angel asked about our Memo of Understanding and I said it was in the Deputy Director's Office for review. There were no changes, and he (Mr. Angel) would see it before it was signed.

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Chief, Records Administration Staff

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P.S. We hung up on a friendly basis and that all was still as we left it at our last meeting prior to his departure for Europe.

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